

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3 and 17. These sheets, which include Figs. 3 and 17, replace the original sheets including Figs. 3 and 17.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-28 are pending in the present application; Claims 1 and 14 having been amended and Claim 28 having been canceled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to, Claims 1, 14, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Whitmarsh (U.S. 2002/0101608), Claims 7 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitmarsh in view of Kato (U.S. 6,141,111), and Claims 9, 10, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitmarsh in view of Shima (JP 2001209503 A).

The specification has been reviewed and two typographical errors have been corrected. No new matter has been added.

In response to the objection to the drawings, Figures 3 and 17 have been amended. Specifically, in Figure 3, reference number 100 was added, and in Figure 17, reference number 220 has been added. These reference numbers are supported by the originally filed specification and drawings and accordingly, the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 14, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Whitmarsh (U.S. 2002/0101608). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended form of the claims.

Independent Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite additional features of the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the image forming apparatus includes hardware configured to perform a printer function, and at least one of a copy function, a fax function, and a scan function. This claim addition is supported by the originally filed

specification in Figure 2, for example, which shows the printer application 111, a copy application 112, a fax application 113, and a scanner application 114.

A feature of the present invention is that the web server is implemented in an image forming apparatus which is multifunctional, and is a compound machine. To the contrary, in Whitmarsh, there is no such multifunctional machine, or compound machine. It is seen in Figure 1 of Whitmarsh that there is a print service work flow application server 14 connected to other servers, discrete printers, etc. which perform the print distribution and printing functions.

Having a multifunction device such as a compound machine include image processing functions and web server functions allows for a very compact machine, and a simple machine which is easy to maintain and control and is much more suitable for an office environment. To the contrary, as evidenced by the title of Whitmarsh, the invention therein is directed towards a commercial print service and not a simple office environment.

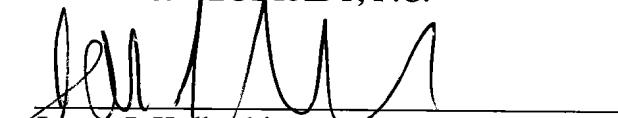
Based on the above, independent Claims 1 and 14 are patentable and the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the independent claims from which they depend are patentable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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